

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 18-21 (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) The ceramic dispersoid in metal product of Claim ~~18~~ 26 wherein said finely sized metal carbide particles are scandium carbide.

23. (Currently Amended) The ceramic dispersoid in metal product of Claim ~~18~~ 26 wherein said finely sized metal carbide particles are vanadium carbide.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) The ceramic dispersoid in metal product of Claim ~~18~~ 26 wherein said finely sized metal carbide particles are molybdenum carbide.

26. (Previously Added) A ceramic dispersoid in metal product, comprising:

- (a) a matrix metal of aluminum and
- (b) a uniform cluster-free distribution of no more than two particles attached to one another at a magnification of 500x having an average particle size of less than about 0.3 microns, said finely sized metal carbide particles selected from the group consisting of Sc, Hf Nb, Mo, and V and said finely sized metal carbide particles formed and dispersed in-situ in said metal matrix of aluminum.